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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: K. Donahue et al.

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FOR: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR NUCLEIC ACID DELIVERY

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without any prejudice or disclaimer claims 2-26; 29-35; 39-47; 51-56; 60-62; 65; and 67-69.

REMARKS

For the sole purpose of reducing initial filing fees, claims 2-26; 29-35; 39-47; 51-56; 60-62; 65; and 67-69 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. All rights are reserved to add claims during prosecution of the present application or a continuation application thereof.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.